



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 6389

Keisuke INOUE et al.

Art Unit: 1742

Application No.: 10/803,915

Examiner: Deborah Yee

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For: HIGH-STRENGTH CARBURIZED PART AND A METHOD OF THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 26, 2006

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, the period for reply being extended from November 2, 4 2006 to December 24, 2006, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following remarks.

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